



COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES



***SHAPE YOUR
FUTURE WITH GCU***

EMPOWER YOURSELF **to MAKE an IMPACT**

At Grand Canyon University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, we strive to provide students who are continuously searching for knowledge and the understanding of the human condition with opportunities to do just that. In your courses, we'll teach you the ability to apply analytical constructs and communicate complex ideas clearly.

From hands-on learning opportunities to our vibrant campus life and welcoming Christian worldview, we invite you to discover why many current students and Lope alumni proudly consider themselves part of the GCU family. Come and experience the GCU difference!

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Grand Canyon University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences offers a transformative higher education designed to prepare you for a career you may find rewarding. Our programs — including bachelor's degrees in behavioral health science, psychology and social work — will challenge your intellect, expand your horizons and help you contribute to the ever-evolving field of humanities and social sciences.

For more details and a full listing of degrees, visit gcu.edu/CHSS

Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Health Science: Pursue your behavioral health science degree to study counseling theories, explore treatments for addiction and substance use disorders and examine group dynamics. Courses include human development, abnormal psychology and probability and statistics.

Bachelor of Science in Psychology: In this undergraduate program, you'll have the opportunity to develop critical reasoning and analytical skills, refine your communication abilities and explore what it means to bring Christian principles to the professional space. As you examine human behaviors and patterns of thinking, you'll also be able to learn best practices in research, including scientific observation, data collection and analysis.

Bachelor of Social Work: The BSW courses explore human behavior in the social environment, analyzing biopsychosocial development from conception to late adulthood through a multidimensional perspective. You'll learn and practice skills in engagement, assessment, treatment, evaluation and termination, helping prepare you to make an impact on individuals, families, communities and organizations.



DISCOVER THE PATH TO YOUR POTENTIAL

GCU's College of Humanities and Social Sciences makes a strong connection between many disciplines' professional code of ethics and a welcoming Christian worldview. Our students are exposed to a wide array of needs in society such as injustice, suffering and poverty. Throughout their studies, they are taught knowledge and skills in helping themselves and others to reach their potential.

WHAT SETS US APART

- ▶ **Undergraduate research opportunities** like the E.P.I.C. Lab, Research Club and Social Work Review that allow students to gain valuable experience and even publish their work before entering a master's program
- ▶ **Undergraduate programs designed to transition into master's programs**, providing a strong foundation for advanced studies
- ▶ **Programs that provide students with diverse options** for helping others with a perspective inspired by Jesus
- ▶ **Classes that align with the objectives of the American Psychology Association**, helping to enhance career qualifications
- ▶ **Opportunities for hands-on experience in the field** through programs like Changing Lives Outreach and the L.O.P.E.S. Academy

DESIGNATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION (CSWE)

GCU's Bachelor and Master of Social Work programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education Commission on Accreditation.

NATIONAL ADDICTION STUDIES ACCREDITATION COMMISSION (NASAC)

The Master of Science in Addiction Counseling program has been approved for accreditation through the NASAC. The Master of Science in Christian Counseling of Substance Use and Addictive Disorders has been approved for conditional accreditation through NASAC.

CREATING COMMUNITY: ***Resources and Clubs***

ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES AND STUDENT RESOURCES

Our campus is equipped with modern facilities and diverse resources to support your educational journey. From the library to our labs, we're here to help you reach your academic goals. Here are some of the amenities available to you:

CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING (CIRT)

This faculty-driven organization supports the development of creativity, critical thinking and learning in a wide range of disciplines in order to create an integrated community of educators. CIRT publishes in the Journal of Institutional Research (JIR) online once each year. JIR helps enhance scholarly understanding and application of best practices in college teaching.

EXAMINING POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY IN COMMUNITIES (E.P.I.C. LAB)

This lab applies Dr. Martin Seligman's principles of positive psychology to foster human flourishing. Research focuses on resilience, mindfulness, coping strategies and self-efficacy, combining basic and applied psychology. Project examples include evaluating a Trauma-Informed Care program aimed to enhance resilience and reduce substance use among adolescents, promoting community wellness across Arizona.

For a complete list of
resources, scan the QR code:



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Joining a club is a great way to enhance your academic experience, develop new skills and connect with fellow students. Some counseling, psychology and social work related clubs at GCU include:

- ▶ Behavioral Health Science Club | [@gcu_BHSClub](#)
- ▶ Canyon Counselors | [@gcu.CanyonCounselors](#)
- ▶ GCU Global Outreach Team | [@gcu.GlobalOutreach](#)
- ▶ GCU Local Outreach Team | [@gcu.LocalOutreach](#)
- ▶ GCU Undergrad Research Club | [@CHSSUndergradResearch](#)
- ▶ Lopes for Social Service | [@gculopesforsocialservice](#)
- ▶ Psychology Club | [@GCUPsych](#)
- ▶ Social Work Student Association | [@gcu.swsa](#)

JUMP START YOUR COUNSELING, PSYCHOLOGY OR SOCIAL WORK CAREER

CHANGING LIVES OUTREACH

GCU's student outreach collaborates with local behavioral health partners to provide innovative support programs that promote human flourishing. Through Changing Lives Outreach, we aim to expose students to situations they wouldn't experience in the classroom while receiving guidance and mentorship from GCU's behavioral health experts. Outreach opportunities include youth mentorship, non-profit organization support, psycho-educational group facilitation, participation in community events and much more. Volunteers can engage in diverse settings, including K-12 schools, local organizations and on GCU's campus, making a meaningful impact while gaining valuable hands-on experience in behavioral health.

L.O.P.E.S. ACADEMY AT THE CARDON CENTER

The L.O.P.E.S Academy is an inclusive, immersive Christian university experience for individuals with moderate intellectual exceptionalities. This experience is designed to promote independent living by providing academic, social and job skill development.



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Scan the QR code to learn how the College of Humanities and Social Sciences can help you reach your full potential and find your purpose!



“The greatest benefit of being a psych student here at GCU is the ability to constantly learn about oneself. Studying psychology gives you the capability to learn more about the ‘why’ behind your actions. Understanding the power of the unconscious mind and how to motivate it can help me beyond simply earning a degree.”

– Logan Demeter

Bachelor of Science in Psychology with an Emphasis in Performance and Sport Psychology

NEXT STEPS

1



Apply at gcu.edu/ApplyNow and upload your transcripts.
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2



Schedule an appointment with your university admissions counselor to review your scholarship eligibility and program of study.

3



Arrange your campus visit.
All-expenses-paid¹ programs available.

4



Register early for courses and secure on-campus housing.

5



Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

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